

PUBLIC NOTICE

PERMIT APPLICATION: NRS #03.402

APPLICANT: Ben Rogers
Bal Harbor Inlet Owners
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LOCATION: Bal Harbor Inlet, Tennessee River
Hamilton County

WATERSHED DESCRIPTION: The Tennessee River watershed consists of an extensive system of rivers, streams, and wetlands flowing from Virginia to the Ohio River. Land use is predominantly rural. The Tennessee River at the project location is primarily silt/gravel bottomed. The existing vegetation along the inlet channel is mixed trees and herbaceous plants.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The applicant proposes to dredge/excavate excess sand and debris from Bal Harbor inlet to an average elevation of 676.5' in an area 600 ft. long by 100 ft. wide (6,000 cu yds). The inlet is not a receiving point for any flowing streams. Work would be completed during the winter draw down and dredged materials would be deposited in an upland disposal site. The current flow control regime has rendered the inlet inaccessible except during high water incidents and peak summer retention. Standard erosion control devices would be used to prevent sediment from entering flowing water. Upon completion of the work, all disturbed areas would be stabilized.

PERMIT COORDINATOR: Brian Canada, STATE OF TENNESSEE, Department of Environment and Conservation Division of Water Pollution Control, 7th Floor, L&C Annex, 401 Church Street, Nashville, Tennessee 37243-1534

USGS TOPOGRAPHIC QUADRANGLE: East Chattanooga, TN (112-SW)

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: The application described above has been submitted for an Aquatic Resource Alteration Permit pursuant to *The Tennessee Water Quality Control Act of 1977*, T.C.A. §69-3-108.

The purpose of this notice is to advise all concerned of the proposal for which a permit is sought, and to solicit comments and information necessary to evaluate the probable impact of the activities upon the respective water resources. The decision whether to issue or deny will in part be based upon that evaluation. All factors that may be relevant to the proposals will be considered.

Persons wishing to comment on or object to the issuance of a proposed permit are invited to submit comments in writing to the Department of Environment and Conservation Division of Water Pollution Control at the address listed above. Written statements received in this office on or before the date of expiration of the comment period thirty days from the publication date of this notice will become part of the record and will be considered in the determination. The applicant's name and permit number should be referenced.

Interested persons may also request in writing that the director of the Division hold a public hearing on any application. The request must be filed within the comment period and must indicate the interest of the person requesting it, and the reasons that the hearing is warranted.

When there is sufficient public interest, the director shall hold a hearing in accordance with Rule 1200-4-7-.04(4)(f).

After consideration of comments submitted during the public comment period, the hearing record if any, and the requirements of federal and State law, the director of the Division will make determinations regarding the final action on each permit. Permit applications, supporting documentation, and related comments are available for review and/or copying.